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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

MARCH 12, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Gregory Palamas

Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of
the Kiev Caves Lavra

St. Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome

Ven. Simeon the New Theologian

Saint Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome

Saint Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome, was born in Rome around the year 540. His grandfather was Pope Felix, and his mother Sylvia (November 4) and aunts Tarsilla and Emiliana were also numbered among the saints by the Roman Church. Having received a most excellent secular education, he attained high government positions. Leading a God-pleasing life, he yearned for monasticism with all his soul. After the death of his father, Saint Gregory used his inheritance to establish six monasteries. At Rome he founded a monastery dedicated to the holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called, where he received monastic tonsure. Later, on a commission of Pope Pelagius II, Saint Gregory lived for a while in Constantinople. There he wrote his Commentary on the Book of Job. After the death of Pope Pelagius, Saint Gregory was chosen to the Roman See. For seven months he would not consent to accept this service, considering himself unworthy. He finally accepted consecration only after the persistent entreaties of the clergy and flock. Wisely leading the Church, Saint Gregory worked tirelessly in propagating the Word of God. Saint Gregory compiled the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts in the Latin language, which before him was known only in the verbal tradition. Affirmed by the Sixth Ecumenical Council, this liturgical service was accepted by all the Orthodox Church. He zealously struggled against the Donatist heresy; he also converted the inhabitants of Brittany, pagans and Goths, who had been adhering to the Arian heresy, to the True Faith. Saint Gregory has left behind numerous written works. After the appearance of his book, DIALOGUES CONCERNING THE LIFE AND MIRACLES OF THE ITALIAN FATHERS (DIALOGI DE VITA ET MIRACULIS PATRUM

ITALIORUM), the saint was called “Dialogus.” His PASTORAL RULE (or LIBER REGULAE PASTORALIS) was well-known. In this work, Saint Gregory describes the model of the true pastor. His letters (848), dealing with moral guidance, have also survived. Saint Gregory headed the Church for thirteen years, ministering to all the needs of his flock. He was characterized by an extraordinary love of poverty, for which he was granted a vision of the Lord Himself. Pope Saint Gregory the Great, as he is known, died in the year 604, and his relics rest in the cathedral of the holy Apostle Peter in the Vatican.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Igumen Leonty, Archpriest Daniel, Daniel, Brian, Georgia, Don, Bobbi, Yuri, David

DEPARTED: Archpriest Daniel, Mihai

BIRTHDAYS: Isabel Class

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-PRESANCTIFIED POTLUCKS: As it is customary in many Orthodox communities, we will share a lenten meal following the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Please, feel free to bring (but not mandatory) a lenten dish or side to share.

CONFESSION: It is important that every Orthodox Christian receives the Mystery of Confession during the Lenten season. In the coming weeks, Fr. Alessandro will be available for Confession after the Liturgy of the Presanctified, after Great Vespers (Sat), or by appointment. If you wish to come before these services, please let him know ahead of time. Please, note that Friday, April 7 (the day before Lazarus Saturday) is the last day when Fr. Alessandro will hear Confessions before Pascha. When we enter Jerusalem on Palm

Sunday, our focus must be exclusively on walking with our Lord through His passion.

GENERAL PANIKHIDA: On Saturday, March 18, we will serve a general panikhida at 4:30p before Great Vespers. Feel free to bring a list of names to hand to Fr. Alessandro before the service so he can remember the names during the service.

METROPOLITAN TIKHON AT ALL SAINTS ON MARCH 19: We look forward to welcoming our beloved Metropolitan on Sunday, March 19, the third Sunday of Lent. His Beatitude will preside at the Divine Liturgy and offer the homily.

EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS: Join us every Saturday for a study of the Epistle to the Galatians.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Mar 15, Wed

6:00 PM

Presanctified Liturgy

7:15 PM

Potluck Meal

Mar 18, Sat

4:30 PM

General Panikhida

5:00 PM

Divine Liturgy

Mar 19, Sun

8:45 AM

Church School

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Coffee Hour - Garber

Reader - Lory & Catherine Easton

Assisting the Treasurer - Childs & Barr

Fr. Alessandro is available to hear confessions after Vespers or by appointment during the week